

HKSF SELECTION GUIDELINES
2023 ILCA 6 YOUTH & MEN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, POLAND
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1. The Championship

The 2023 ILCA 6 Youth & Men's World Championships will be held in Marina Dziwnow, Poland on 1-9 July 2023.

Notice of Race can be seen at the following link - <https://2023ilca6youth-men.ilca-worlds.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2022/09/4.W23-ILCA6YM-NOR-POL-FINAL.pdf>

Up to four ILCA 6 youth sailors will be supported for the 2023 ILCA 6 Youth & Men Worlds

2. Eligibility

To be eligible for selection each sailor must (at end of May 2023):

- (a) be a member of HKSF (if you are not a member yet, please apply for and be accepted for membership to HKSF prior to the event).
- (b) be a member of HKSF National Youth Squad for 2023 (if you are not, you must join the squad after being selected).
- (c) be an ordinary resident in Hong Kong and have resided in Hong Kong for a period of 7 years.
- (d) be at least 15 years old but not 19 years or older in the year of the event i.e., born in 2005, 2006, 2007, or 2008.
- (e) comply or receive exception from World Sailing Eligibility Code (World Sailing Regulation 19.2) and be registered as a World Sailing Sailor on the World Sailing website;
- (f) agree to attend the training and competition programs designated by HKSI Coach in preparation for the ILCA 6 Youth Worlds;
- (g) comply with all requirements of the Notice of Race.

3. Selection

3.1 These Selection Guidelines are HKSF's selection criteria only for funding for this event, not eligibility to actually enter the event, which is open to sailors with local ILCA district - HK Laser Class Association membership.

3.2 The objective is to select and support eligible sailors who have the best potential to win medals at the ILCA6 Youth Worlds.

3.3 Two ILCA 6 sailors (boys and/or girls) will be selected by results. An additional 2 sailors may be selected by a Special Panel appointed by HKSF which may include representatives from HKSI.

3.4 The selection by results will be based on the sailors' results in Hebe Haven Yacht Club Open Dinghy Regatta to be held on 20 & 21 May 2023.

- 3.5 The selection by the Special Panel will be based on the following criteria taking account of evidence from training and in relevant competition in the following areas:
- (a) potential to win medals at the event;
 - (b) attendance, punctuality, and training record;
 - (c) behavior in terms of good sportsmanship;
 - (d) record of injuries, illness, and damage where and when found applicable;
 - (e) recommendations from the HKSI coach in charge of HKSF national ILCA youth team.
- 3.6 The final selection will need to be voted on and approved by the HKSF Council.
- 3.7 HKSF reserves the right not to select a sailor/team to the ILCA 6 Youth World if such sailor/team has not finished within the top 30% of ILCA fleet in a local regatta in the last 12 months.
- 3.8 HKSF reserves the right to withdraw the selection of a sailor/team in the case of:
- (a) gross misconduct in a local or overseas event;
 - (b) a criminal act;
 - (c) a breach of the anti-doping rules;
 - (d) failure to comply with the eligibility requirements;
 - (e) failure to comply with the training hours requirement; or
 - (f) failure to comply with the Guidelines on Handling the Playing of the National Anthem and Raising of the Regional Flag for Hong Kong Athletes and Teams Engaging in International Sports Events - https://sailing.org.hk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Guidelines-on-Handling-National-Anthem-and-Regional-Flag-2022_eng.pdf

4. Replacement

If for any reason a selected sailor/team withdraws from the Youth Worlds, HKSF may or may not replace the selected sailor/team with another sailor/team.

5. Funding

5.1 The selected sailor/team must be prepared to pay all expenditure incurred in taking part in the Youth Worlds. Depending on the available funding, HKSF may pay some or all competition related expenses and will announce the details if funding is available for the event.

5.2 It is noted that a sailor's direct entry into Championships is permitted by the NOR but if a sailor is not selected by HKSF such sailor shall not be eligible for funding.

6. Expression of Interest

Those sailors who would like to be considered by the Special Panel in the selection should fill in and return the designated form of expression of interest to HKSF **not later than 19 May 2023**.

7. Appeal

Any appeals must be directed to the HKSF within 7 days after the announcement of the selection results. HKSF may at its discretion appoint an Appeal Working Party to decide on the validity of the appeal and the outcome.